

The xxv. orders of Ffooles,

- S**TAY A WHILE WITH PACIENCE, MY FRIENDS I YOU PRAY,
OF THE ORDERS OF FOOLES, SOMEWHAT I WILL SAY:
FINE AND TWENTIE, JUST A QUARTERIE IS YE KNOW,
EVERY FOOLE IN HIS SOLISHNES WYLL I SHOW.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HARY FOOLE, THE CARTE OF SIN NOW A DAYES DOOTH DRAW,
NOWISHYNG THEIR SINNE AGAINST ALL RIGHT AND LAW;
THOUGH THAT THE WAY TO HELL BE VERY PLAYNE,
PET LYKE A FOOLE I ADVISE THAR TO RETURNE AGAYNE.
IF THOU IN SOLISHNES STYLL DOEST DWELL,
THOU SHALT HAUE A BABLE AND A BELL.
- * HE IS A FOOLE THAT HIS SINNES CAN NOT HATE,
Naught young, woyse olde, such is his estate:
This olde foole is glad of that name,
Destryng all men to take parte of the same.
This foole must haue in hand without sayle,
A bable, a bell, or els a FOR tayle.
- C**OF FOOLE, YET I FYND AN OTHER SORTE,
WHICH ARE CAUSERS OF LYING, AND YLL REPORETE:
AND HE IS A FOOLE BOTH EUEN AND MORROW,
THAT NOTHYNGLY LEND, BUT ALL THYNGES BOXROW.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * OF FOOLE, PET AN OTHER SORTE DOOTH COME,
WHICH NEVER LEKETH SOZ TO HAUE WISEDOME:
MANY SUCH FOOLE, WISEDOME DISDAYNE,
PET SOZ THEIR SOLISHNES THEY SHALL SUFFER PAYNE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE WHICH TO OTHERS DOOTH PREACH AND TELL,
AND YET THIS FOOLE IS READY HIMSELF TO GO UNTO HELL:
LINE THOU UPRIGHTLY, BE CAUSE OF NO BLAME,
IF THOU DO NOT, THE MORE IS THY SHAME.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE, AND EVER BE SHALL,
THAT OTHERS JUDGETH, AND HIMSELF WORST OF ALL:
THIS FOOLE IS BLYND, FRANTIKE, AND WOOD,
WITHTOUT ALL REASON, JUDGETH BAD THINGES GOD.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE THAT WISEDOME DOOTH ESCHUE,
FOR NO GOD COUNSELL CAN BRING HIM TO VERTUE:
THIS FOOLE WHICH SCORNETH HIS NEIGHBOUR FAST,
SHALL BE SCORNED JUSTLY HIMSELF AT THE LAST.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * AN OTHER FOOLE YET, I DOT HERE FYND,
WHICH CAN NOT KEPE CLOSE THE SECRETS OF HIS MYND:
THIS IS A NATURALL FOOLE, AND VNDISCRETE,
WHICH CAN NOT HYDE HIS OWN CONSELL AND SECRETE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE, THAT IN YOUTH WYLL NOT PROUDE,
IN AGE MUST BE SCRUE, OR IN POUERTIE ABYDE:
THIS IS A FOOLE, AND OF THE NUMBE ONE,
WHICH IN THE SOMMER CAN MAKE NO PROUISION.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE, THAT GETTETH HIS GODS WRONGFULLYE,
FOR HIS HEIRES AFTER HIM, WYLL SPEND IT WNTHISTELYE:
THIS FOOLES GOLDE IS HIS GOD, WRONGFULLYE GOT,
WHY H FOOLE, THY GOLDE IS MUL & CLAY, KNOWESTHOU NOT?
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE, WHETHER HE BE MAN OR WYSE,
WHICE STYLL DELITETH IN DISCORDE AND STRYFE:
SUCH FOOLE THEIR OWNE FLESH TO THE BONES MAY GNASH,
THAT CONTENDETH IN MATTERS, SCANT WORTH A STRAW.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE THAT ON MESSAGE IS SENT,
AND WHEN HE IS ON HIS WAY, FORGOT WHETHER HE WENT:
THIS FEELIE IS WORTHY OF THE BABLE AND THE BELL,
FOR OF ALL OTHER FOOLE, HE DOOTH ERCELL.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**PET OF FOOLE, A WHOLE DOZEN I HANE ESPYED;
AND LEAD IN A STRYNG, TOGETHER THEY ARE TYED:
THESE SOLES YOU MAY KNOW BY THEIR FAOUR,
FORLYKE THE ASPEN LEAF, WITH EVERY WYND THEY WANER.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THESE SOLES, TO KEPE THEM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE, THAT THINKETH IT GREAT WONDER,
WHEN GOD STRYKETH BY LIGHTNYNG AND THUNDER:
ALAS, WE DAYLY WITHOUT ALL DREAD COMMIT
MUCH CURSED VICE, SOZ LACKE OF GODLY WIT.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**ALL YOUTH, I DO LYKEN UNTO FOOLE BLYND,
THAT UNTO THEIR PARENTS ARE REBELS UNKYND:
THOU UNKYND CHYLDE, AND FOOLE DISOBEDIENT,
REMEMBER WHAT GOOD THY FRIENDS ON THAR SPENT.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THESE FOOLE, TO KEPE THEM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE, THAT GREATLY DOOTH FLATTER AND BOAST,
WHEN HE THINKS LEAST, HE SHALL TAST OF THE ROSS:
THIS FOOLE AT LAST, IS CAST OUT OF FAOUR,
FOZ FLATTERING PLEASETH NO WISE MAN OF HONOUR.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE, AND BOVD OF ALL PRUDENCE,
WHICH TO BAYNE TALES DOOTH GEVE ALL HIS CREDENCE:
THEREFORE REMEMBER THIS BOTH LOW AND BYE,
THAT FLATTERERS SPEAKE SAYRE WHEN THEY DO LYE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A NATURALL FOOLE, AND A VERY DAW,
THAT FROM DOING GOD, HIS NEIGHBOUR DOOTH WITHDRAW:
SUCH FROWARD FOOLE, ALL GOODNES THEY DESILE,
IF THEIR NEIGHBOURS DOE GOD, THEN THEY REUILE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE, AND GREATLY UNPREDONABLE,
THAT IN ALL HIS DOINGS HE IS UNFORTUNABLE:
BUT IN HIS MISFORTUNE HE IS SO BLYND,
HE NEVER CONSIDERETH NO REMEDY IN MYND.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * HE IS A FOOLE, THAT HIMSELF DOOTH APPLYE
BEHYND HIS NEIGHBOURS BACKE TO SCANDER WITH ENVYE:
SUCH BEASTLY FOOLE COMMONLY ARE WELL A PAYD,
WHICH THINKE ALL IS WELL, THAT FALSELY IS WAYD.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THIS FOOLE, TO KEPE HIM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**PET MORE FOOLE THERE BE, WHICH BE UNCOMMENDABLE,
THAT USETH YLL MANNERS ALWAY AT THE TABLE:
OF PLEASANT MURTOUR THEY HAUE NO HADE,
BUT BEASTLY ENTEND AS SWYNE ALWAY TO FEDE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THESE FOOLE, TO KEPE THEM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * MANY FOOLE THERE BE, IN THESE OUR DAYES,
WHICH SEEME TO BE WYSE, YET SOLOW SOLISH WAYES:
THEREFORE I HANE TOLDE UNTO YOU VERY PLAYNE,
WHAT SOLISHNES IN THESE DAYES IN MANY DOZH REMAYNE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THESE FOOLE, TO KEPE THEM FROM THE RAYNE.
- C**HE IS A FOOLE, THAT WYLL STYLL DESYRE
HIS OWN DEATH, TO RUNNE IN TO THE FYRE:
AND HE IS A FOOLE, THAT HATH NO MYND DEVOUTE,
BUT IN THE TEMPLE STYLL WALKETH ABOUTE.
AND AS THE PROVERBE DOOTH SHELW VERY PLAYNE,
A HOOD SOZ THESE FOOLE TO KEPE THEM FROM THE RAYNE.
- * GOD GRANT THAT ALL FOOLE WISEDOME MAY LEARNE,
AND THAT THEY MAY GOD FROM YLL ALWAY DISCERNIE:
WHEN NO MOZE FOOLE WE MAY THEM CALL,
BUT WYSE MEN, AND WISEDOME SHELW THEY SHALL.
GOD GRANT THAT ON ALL PARTES WE MAY NOW BEGIN
TO REPENT OF OUR FOLLYE, AND LYE FROM OUR SIN.

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doze of Paules church.